

CHINESE HUMBUGGERS.

CHINESE HUMBUGGERY.
The following story is recorded in the course of an article in the *Contemporary*.

What astonished me most was a visit from the 'head thief' on my arrival at Chumking, in 1880. Of course I asked for explanations, and was informed that, for a payment of a dollar a month by way of insurance, the thieves would not molest me. It was the city magistrate's own policeman who volunteered this information.

remember, too, one day at the Peking Legation, in 1871, an old Chinese writer asked us to send a note to the Minister's name to the Foreign Office, and get that august body to move the governor of Peking to return a pair of crystal spectacles which an unknown thief had snatched away from him in the street that morning. The old man insisted upon it that it was *his* spectacles, that he

Upon it came it was quite the right thing to do, and that there was no chance of failure; he added that the custom was for all 'recognized' thieves to hold their plunder to the order of the police for a few days, in case any influential person should ask for it. With the Minister's consent a note was sent, and, save enough, the captain of gen-

I remember one case where a salt junk and cargo had been wrongfully seized and sold. The Chinese took very high and mighty ground, and stoutly swore the junk lay a mile beyond foreign waters. At the last moment an irrefragable proof of this

wrong accidentally turned up in the shape of the slipped anchor, and it was privately arranged with the salt commissioner, in order to 'save the viceroys' face,' that another junk of the same kind should be bought; filled with salt, and unofficially handed over to the foreign authorities, who, on their part, agreed to allow the

A good story of Wolsley is told by Mr. Nourai, who was with her Majesty's forces

Nourse went into the post-office at Kortlandt for some letters. The postmaster, who was a native, and not much used to handwriting, said there was nothing for him. Nourse asked to see the pile of letters, and, while he was looking them over, a man with nothing to designate his

He took in the situation at a glance, and said, 'Let's clean this thing out'; whereupon they jumped over the counter and bundled the post-master out neck and heels. Then they began the examination of the office, and found it congested

Nourse at the time did not know who his companion in the good deed was. He called him his name, and his answer was, 'They call me "Charlie".' Some time afterwards Nourse was going to see the commandant.

'Hello, Charlie!' he said. 'I'm looking for the commandant. Where'll I find him?'

'Well,' said Charlie, 'you won't have to look far; I'm the commandant. Come inside and have a bit to eat and drink!'

It was Lord Wolseley.

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'Don't look so glum, Hilkerton; use cheery words—they cost nothing.' 'Cost nothing? If I speak ten cheery words to my wife she asks me for some money.'

panese navy will be strengthened by seven powerful cruisers next year. Two cruisers are now being built, one in France and the other in Germany. They are sister ships and are to be armoured. In addition to these two, three cruisers are being built in America. Two cruisers, which are already being built in England, are to be armoured. All the

England, are to be purchased. All these seven are to be added to the fleet next year. An order for a large battleship of 15,000 tons was sent a few days ago to England. The other battleships are to be ordered for the second stage of the extension. It was intended to build one in Japan, but the construction of such a big

ship requires a large dock to be erected; and as this will greatly delay the construction of the ship, it is expected that all three will be ordered from abroad. — *Kobe Chronicle*.

'Well, my son, take a banana-peel, for example. How many sides has it?' Jackie: 'Why, two, of course.' Father: 'Exactly; and when some other man steps on that banana-peel, he sees the serious side of it and you see the humorous side.'

HONGKONG, February 20, 1897.
 OPIUM—New Patna, cash,... 680
 " Old " cash, 697½
 " New Benares, cash, 685
 " Old " cash,... —
 " New Malwa, credit, 760

	Allowance, Tael,...	12/20
"	Old Malwa, credit,	784/790
	Allowance, Tael,...	8/24
"	Persian, Oily, cash,	—
	Allowance, Tael,...	—
"	Persian, Paper tied	560/570
	Allowance, Tael, ...	0/16

Hongkong Register.			
	Previous day 4 p.m.	On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer ...	29.95	30.00	29.90
Temperature	60	56	56
Humidity ...	89	91	87

Direction of Wind ...	E	E	ENE
Force	3	5	4
Weather	0	0	0
Rain	—	0.03	—

Highest open air temperature on the 22nd..... 55
 Lowest open air temperature on the 22nd..... 37

F. G. Figg, *First Assistant*,
Hongkong Observatory, Feb. 26, 1897.

Temperature.
(Taken at Messrs. Fehseney & Co.'s
Premises, Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, February 26, 1897.			
BAROMETER—	9 A.M....	...	30.00
Do.	1 P.M....	...	29.85
Do.	4 P.M....	...	30.82
THERMOMETER—	9 A.M....	...	58
Do.	1 P.M....	...	67
Do.	4 P.M....	...	67

Do.	(wet bulb) A.M.	88
Do.	Do. 1 P.M.	86
Do.	Do. 4 P.M.	86
Do.	Maximum	88
Do.	Minimum	81

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

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THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMER *HYDASPES*.

FROM BOMBAY AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the HONGKONG and KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S GODOWNS at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo—
From Persian Gulf, 62 a.s. Nuran and Goa.
Goods not cleared by the 25th Instant, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here after which no Claims will be recognized.

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, February 26, 1897. 364

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Optional Goods will be landed here under instructions given to the contrary before 1 p.m. To-day.

Goods not cleared by the 27th Instant, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here after which no Claims will be recognized.

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, February 22, 1897. 370

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Authorized Capital, £3,000,000.00
Subscribed Capital, £2,750,000.00
Paid-up Capital, £2,500,000.00
Fire Funds, £2,001,016.26

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Hongkong, July 23, 1896. 1547

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CAPITAL PAID UP, £180,000.
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CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

The Co.'s Steamship *Shanghai*, Captain Dyer, will be despatched on above TO-MORROW, the 27th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, February 26, 1897. 384

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FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship *Princess*, Captain Day, will be despatched on above TO-MORROW, the 1st March.

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Hongkong, February 12, 1897. 311

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Mails.

U. S. Mail Line.

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VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Proposed sailings from Hongkong.

City of Rio de Janeiro (via Shanghai, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)..... Tuesday, March 2, at noon.

City of Quebec (via Shanghai, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)..... Tuesday, March 23, at noon.

China (via Shanghai, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)..... Tuesday, April 13, at noon.

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PION.	Chinese Names.
Highest. Lowest.	
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THE JAPANESE POST OFFICE

A FUNNY SERVICE.

A week or two ago, the *Yorokan Ch...*
in a frenzied reply to strictures upon J...

nese administration in Formosa, put
claim for the higher civilisation of La

on the strength of the country's
Office. Since then the Ministry

abusing the Post Office in its usual fore

ater thinks as little of his duties as the
tic did. The incident simply indica-

that, in the postal service foreigners' letters are not considered worth the postage.

are not considered worth the trouble
delivering. The coolie received expli

and courteous information, which he could not possibly misunderstand, for it does not

require much linguistic ability to say 'No. 18 Settlement'. Evidently,

cochle thought it too much trouble
falling the first time. But it

not to keep the affair out of the newspapers
 until the Post Master should reply, that
 was the only way to get the letter, except
 the letter. What could we do? We were
 people like this. To be gentle
 than has done no good; to be severe on
 leads to vituperation and social bitter-
 ness; the only remedy we can suggest
 is to be gentle and to be very easily dis-
 coverable — to entirely distrust and dis-
 trusting anything to the Japanese Post
 Office, in China and other unpolitic
 countries the foreign consular services have
 to do postal work, and it looks as if it
 would be better to have a consular post
 established in Japan. The Japanese
 course will bitterly resent this suggestion
 but we can only reply, what else is to
 be done? As we write, a letter comes in
 as follows:—

*Kobe, 26th Jan., 1897.

Dear Sir— I hasten to answer your letter.

[and Japanese] so clearly and correctly that I don't see why the Post Office failed to deliver. For courtesy's sake I enclosed a note to enquire about the delay. I was very much that I misused the time and money owing to the utter negligence of the Post Office, which you have also pointed out."

But I was usually being that the complaints against the Post Office are made to careless writing of addresses in foreign language, but that is pure fudge. Here is a letter which our correspondent, a Japanese gentleman, describes:

"I was surprised so clearly and correctly that I don't see why the Post Office failed to deliver it, and yet it took a month exactly in going from one part of Kobe to another part of Kobe, and it has accumulated eight paper tags as it went along. I don't know how terrible that was. We would like to know how terrible that was here! We would like to know how terrible that was here! We would like to know how terrible that was here!"

Post Office says *niketanga* na, and
the only remedy we see is to have
service under foreign auspices.
Foreign post offices also are open to
us, but at any rate we should be able
to abuse our own race to our hearts' con-
tent without incurring a charge of race
animosity.

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War under the sun does Whimpering
and a divorce! His wife had a great deal
of money when he married her. 'And
the has it yet. That's the whole trouble.

It is I am going to test your love.
If there anything you will give up for me
I will. Certainly, dear! all the other

Intimations.

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A NEW SUN-SPOT.

The sun, says the *Daily Graphic*, appears to be indicating his imperial right to be accounted his own by his own and an extensive spot of his choosing, in the foreground of the kamptulic regulations which astronomers, under the name of 'solar cycles' and 'eleven year periods,' try to explain to him. According to all rule he ought not to be recently finding his photosphere around him, eliminating his spots with the deliberate and self-cause that the City clerk employs in removing the faces of London men from his list. So far from being a shining example, our lunatic took it into his head last September to enlighten what should have been 'a period of declining activity' by the longest spot group seen for twenty years. It has since followed up the eccentricity by a fresh outburst which calls his best achievements when in full sun-spot maximum.

less rest between times. I look only at 'Seigels'; no other medicine. I could stand and walk one more without thinking about it, but I can't stand any more. I feel all over. You are free to print what I wish. (Signed) Miss Emma Gottlingham, wife of G. W. Gottlingham, Grocer and Ironmonger, Scotch Lane, Lincoln, April 29th, 1866.

Seigels is the best medicine I suffer from constant weakness. My natural strength was gone, and nothing I did or took could bring it back. My food—and I ate but little, and I was so weak that I could not do any work. I was the better or stronger for eating it. Indeed I was the wiser; for it caused no great pain and distress in the stomach, chest, or bowels. I was able to do my work, and never quite gave up my employment; but I saw my work in the face of pain and weakness. Finally, I was cured by Mother Seigels' Syrup. I was cured of a little book. The Syrup stopped my cough, and I was cured. I was another and a brighter woman. My strength came back, and I can walk, stand and work with ease. (Signed) Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson, Silk Street, Glasgow, Scotland, April 29th, 1866.

A large group was upon on the sun on Wednesday. It would appear to have endured the heat of the afternoon of Jan. 2, but the cloudy weather has been observed before Wednesday. Like the great group of last September it was in the form of a straight stream of spots, and was drawn out, and was considerably more continuous than the group of last autumn. Its area enclosed that of the September display, amounting to over 2,800 millions of square miles. Its greatest length was 120,000 miles, or 16 degrees, and its greatest breadth 45,000 miles, so that more than 100 times as large as our own could have been contained within its borders.

But the most interesting point about it was the presence of spots which are associated with our storm clouds. These spots, which were the cause of the storm, were the cause of the storm, were the cause of the storm.

displays are usually of a compact form. Long drawn out streams are but feebly responded to by terrestrial phenomena. The present group shows a very compact and definite one, but with a strong tendency to form a long stream in the morning. If this tendency does not develop, and the spot remains compact and well defined we confidently expect a fine auroral display some time in the central meridian of the sun—that is to say, on the evening of tomorrow and Sunday. If the tendency to disintegration, of which there are already signs, continues, there will be nothing out of the ordinary to be observed. Its entry on the sun last night and yesterday morning accompanied by a marked oscillation of the sensitive magnet at the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, and elsewhere.

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death were, this was practically my condition through after month. I saw a doctor, but his treatment did me no benefit. He said "I was suffering from weakness," and would not get my strength back gradually. The autumn and winter of 1891-2 slowly passed and I was still weak. About the middle of January I had almost given up hope of doing really well again.

In April (1893) I was in our shop one day and had a customer speak about Mother Selvig's Cures. I bought a bottle and tried it. It made different attempts it had done in the district. "It may be the right thing for me," I said, and took it that very day. After using one bottle I could tell that without any more trouble I would come over it. With the additional food I gained strength; and one week after another

PEAK SOCIETY.

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